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MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION
May 14, 2010

A meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman Larry Martinez on the above-cited date at the Nancy Rodriguez Center, 1 Prairie Dog Loop, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum for conducting official business, as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Martinez, Chairman
Terrie Rodriguez, Vice Chairman
Nancy S. Adelsheim
Erika Campos
John Cassidy
Fiquet Hanna Duckworth
Dr. Frantz Melio
Elizabeth Reynolds
Ardis M. Thomas
Judith K. Williams

MEMBER(s) ABSENT:

Arturo Gonzales, Vice Chairman, excused
Rick Adesso, excused
Louis Carlos, excused
Valery Henderson, resigned
Patricio Larragoite, excused
Melissa Manlove, excused
John "Jack" White, excused

STAFF PRESENT:

Roman Abeyta, County Manager
Julie Berman, County Strategic Planner
Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Division
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Division Director
Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison for BCC Commissioner Liz Stefanics

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robin Hunn, Project Access
Lynda Longacre, Project Access
Rebecca Frenkel
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the agenda as published. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: March 5, 2010

Chairman Martinez noted that he had some minor editorial revisions to the Minutes and would be willing to share those, if anyone is interested. He asked members if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes.

Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve the Minutes of the March 5, 2010 meeting, as amended. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: April 9, 2010

Chairman Martinez noted that he had some minor editorial revisions to the Minutes and would be willing to share those, if anyone is interested. He asked members if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes.

Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2010 meeting, as amended. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

TENTATIVE

A. Health Policy & Planning Commission Membership

[Handouts distributed and reviewed: History of HPPC, Conceptual Plan Addressing Boards and Committees Project Findings Proposed Options A & B. Please see Exhibit "5A" for the details.]

Mr. Abeyta thanked the Commissioners for the time they dedicate to this Commission and for all the work they do on behalf of the county residents. He noted that the Board of County Commissioners has asked him and Julie Berman to take a look at all the County committees, boards and commissions, primarily due to the present financial situation that the County is in, and provide recommendations on how they can streamline them. The County is taking a look at all aspects of the organization; the departments, the divisions, the committees, the task forces, boards and commissions. Mr. Abeyta and Ms. Berman

inventoried each committee/board/commission and found that they fell within two major categories: capital infrastructure or improvements and community services.

Two options were proposed:

Option A is to continue to operate the Committees that are still needed but have them follow the same structure, operate under the same rules and guidelines, with a manageable number of members. The Committees will be given a specific task and will have a required reporting mechanism built into the resolution that creates them.

Option B is to consolidate the different committees that are still needed and consolidate them into two major boards that would report to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Abeyta said when they took these options to the Board of County Commissioners they were given direction to take the two options to the different committees and get their feedback based on their perspective and the work they are doing. He noted that some of the other committees created a small subcommittee to work with them on this.

Ms. Berman reported that she initially read the enabling legislation for the different committees and made comments. She then worked with staff in doing an analysis. She noted that there were over 40 committees. Ms. Berman provided a report to the Board of County Commissioners last July and provided them an update on this project. They were able to eliminate some of the committees that were no longer in place.

Ms. Berman reviewed Exhibit "5A" noting that the HPPC was established by Resolution in 1999. However, earlier documents refer to a HPPC in 1997 in the county health plan.

Ms. Berman met with Chairman Martinez and the HPPC Executive Committee in December to discuss the latest resolution of the HPPC and discussed possible changes. She explained that there is no set number of consecutive terms for members of the HPPC and there are no staggered terms.

Ms. Berman noted that the County found out that there is a Mileage per Diem State Act that has a provision for mileage reimbursement for non employees who serve as committee members. An estimate shows that this will cost the County approximately \$135,000.00 per year. Ms. Berman explained that there is no budget to do this. She asked the Commission for feedback.

The Commissioners offered the following comments/feedback:

- Concerns expressed about what is happening at the State level in terms of the budget and national healthcare reform. For example, the State Department of Health has cut their budget by \$24 million. This is having a negative impact on many programs and many of them are losing funding from State grants.

- Commissioners emphasized the importance between the relationship with the hospital and the HPPC with respect to the Memorandum of Agreement, and recommendations that the HPPC makes in terms of the Community Benefits Fund. The HPPC will have to figure out a way to either transition out of this process, or the hospital will have to establish its own body to make recommendations.
- In addition to the County's purpose for having the HPPC, each of the organizations benefits from having well-informed community members and providers at the table. Commission members have access to what the community needs are, particularly now with healthcare reform.
- The opportunities that the HPPC has to collaborate with each other are beneficial to the County, as well as to the providers and programs.
- Concerns expressed about the severe impact on health care services and needs to County residents, if the HPPC is eliminated.
- Some very positive things have come out of the HPPC's and Jail Health Subcommittee's work: Health care services at the Adult Detention Facility have significantly improved with the assistance of the HPPC. HPPC recommended the establishment of a case management position, this was done and the position was filled. HPPC also assisted the jail with passing a Resolution that states that judges should consult with jail staff before granting furloughs. The Jail Health Subcommittee developed protocols for the Adult Detention Facility and community providers.

Ms. Berman asked if there is another way to accomplish all this without the HPPC and the Executive Committee having to meet every month-is there a way to restructure the HPPC?

The following suggestions were offered:

- Possibly the HPPC could continue to meet, but meet every other month or quarterly.
- Several subcommittees could be created out of the HPPC.
- Commissioners would like to ensure that there is community input and representation with regards to addressing health care and human services needs of the residents of Santa Fe County.
- There were questions on what the Board of County Commissioners want from this Commission and what is the purpose of the Commission. The Commission would like guidance or direction from the Board of County Commissioners before making a decision on how the HPPC could be restructured.

Commissioner Cassidy said it seems that this discussion derived from the current financial situation. He asked if the options the County are considering address financial concerns.

Ms. Berman said yes.

Commissioner Williams asked if this is also an issue of staff time - staff being assigned to committees.

Mr. Abeyta said yes.

Commissioner Thomas said that communication is key. She explained that all the members of this body are on a volunteer basis, are committed and have established a solid relationship.

Mr. Abeyta said the County may have to engage the HPPC in helping them find solutions on how they continue to provide a strong health component in County government. He will go back and talk to the Board of County Commissioners about the feedback he received today. He suggested that this item be put on the Indigent Board (Healthcare Assistance Board) agenda at their next meeting for further discussion.

Chairman Martinez mentioned that there was also question in terms of how economic stimulus construction funds were used so that the County can better understand how it impacted various projects.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. Healthcare Reform Update from April 15th Meeting

[Copies of the Timeline of Health Reform Bill Provisions were distributed in the Commissioners' packets.]

Commissioner Williams said she volunteered to look at the Mathematical Study to see if there was any County-related data in terms of figuring out the impact to Santa Fe County but this is very murky. She noted that she attended the Legislative Finance Committee session on what they think the impact will be on Medicaid. She also attended the Health Care Reform Working Group (Senate Memorial 1) meeting in May. They discussed the impact on insurance and insurance companies.

She explained that the reform legislation is very complex so it is hard to gauge its overall fiscal impact on the county. She said the County will likely have to start increasing its share of the Medicaid match because some provisions will take effect before 2014. She mentioned that she has been trying to look into small business insurance because employers with fewer than 50 employees will not be affected; however, there is a small group of independent businesses that are advocating lawsuits against healthcare reform. Commissioner Williams has been working on trying to find the number of people who are employed by small businesses in Santa Fe County but this data has been hard to obtain.

Commissioner Williams said in the long run the County will benefit from additional funds for community health centers and school-based health centers. She said she is working on a summary

Chairman Martinez noted that a Federal health Care Reform Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at CHRISTUS St. Vincent Hospital in the Southwest Conference Room. This workshop is geared for professionals impacted by the new Federal health care reform laws.

Ms. Hunn said that in addition to the above workshop, there is a forum that is being sponsored by The Association of Commerce and Industry of New Mexico in Albuquerque on May 18th. Information on the forum can be found on their website.

Commissioner Williams noted that there is a website Randcompare.org that has the federal regulations and all state Medicaid letters.

Chairman Martinez noted that the New Mexico Health Policy Commission website has a great wealth of information and a multiple of up-to-date reports. Another helpful report is the Department of Health Annual Statistical report where you can download Santa Fe County's information.

Commissioner Williams asked if anyone knows the estimated number of undocumented people in the county. Mr. Shepherd offered to try to get this information.

The next Healthcare Reform Committee meeting is scheduled for June 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Health & Human Services Conference Room.

B. Healthcare Assistance Program Changes Update from April 15th Meeting

[Copies of the Potential Changes or Adjustments to the Healthcare Assistance Program/Indigent Fund Rules and Regulations and Application Summary were distributed and reviewed in detail. Please see Exhibit "VI-B" for the details.]

Mr. Shepherd noted that the changes will go into effect July 1st.

After discussion and review of the potential changes, the following recommendations were made:

- It is recommended that the definition of "resident" be clarified and that the requirement of a Social Security number to be eliminated as a qualifying criterion for Healthcare Assistance Program applicants.
- It is recommended that for purposes of eligibility for HAP assistance, that checking and savings accounts of applicants be given primary focus and that although other

assets may be considered at discretion of staff, property that would be difficult to liquidate and retirement and pension accounts be disregarded.

- It is recommended that the eligibility period for applicants for HAP assistance be extended from one year to two years.
- It is recommended that the notarization requirement for certain application forms and/or attachments be eliminated.
- It is recommended that the time period afforded providers of services to approved HAP applicants for submission of bills be extended from 120 to 240 days from the time services are provided.
- It is recommended that staff of the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Department be afforded the opportunity to refine and adopt a new application form to be used by clients and providers that would eliminate irrelevant or redundant information and result in a simpler application process.

Commissioner Reynolds suggested that there be something about people who are homeless.

Chairman Martinez noted that this will be on the agenda for the Board of County Commission May 25th meeting. He offered to prepare a letter to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the above recommendations.

Commissioner Williams pointed out item 1 has already been adopted by the HPPC and following research, this was ascertained to be correct. She then moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners adoption of the five above items, as amended. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. Health Para Todos Radio Station Update

Chairman Martinez reported that they interviewed Kathy Armijo Etre and discussed the Behavioral Health Assessment/Study that CSV has led. He noted that the next broadcast is scheduled for May 28th and they have extended invitations to the Secretary of Department of Health, Alfredo Vigil, to discuss the state budget the budget reductions that have occurred in this department. They also invited Secretary Dorian Dodson of the Children, Youth and Families Department to talk about health care and protective custody issues that they are involved in.

B. CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Behavioral Health Update

[Copies of the Behavioral Health Sponsored Survey were distributed.]

Commissioner Campos reported that they are helping the State Aging and Long Term Services Department host consumer groups across the state to look at elders and the cost of living for elders in Santa Fe. They will be bringing together elders and caregivers of elders on June 4th.

Commissioner Campos announced that CSV recently opened the Sports Medicine, Outpatient Physical Therapy Facility on Wednesday on St. Michael's Drive in the old Lovelace Building.

Chairman Martinez noted that he attended the Local Collaborative Steering Committee meeting on Monday and consumers reacted to the Behavioral Health Survey and had a lot of questions.

Commissioner Thomas invited Commissioner Campos to present the Behavioral Health Assessment/Study to the Detention Center CQI Committee in June. She mentioned that she would be presenting the study at the Adult Detention Board meeting on Monday.

Report on Jail Health Subcommittee:

Chairman Martinez reported that they met on Tuesday of this week in the hope of adopting a medical protocol and/or agreement with providers in terms of ongoing care for individuals who are discharged from the Adult Detention Facility. However, Ms. Annabelle Romero, the Corrections Department Director, pointed out that they are not so sure they necessarily want an agreement with community medical providers on what they should do - because part of the problem with the protocol in the past - are the inefficiencies in resources to implement the protocol. Chairman Martinez offered to provide updates to the Commission as things progress.

Commissioner Thomas noted that Dr. Brown called her about the fact that the funds for Saboxone treatment have depleted. Chairman Martinez offered to contact the Santa Fe Guidance Center about this.

Chairman Martinez announced that Community Days will be held on Saturday, May 15th on the Plaza. There will be a number of providers who will distribute information at the event.

Commissioner Duckworth was acknowledged for being named "Acupuncturist of the Year".

MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

None presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Russell moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Cassidy and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved by:

Larry A. Martinez

Larry Martinez, Chairman

Respectfully submitted by:

Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

Valerie Espinoza

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COUNTY CLERK

